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[St. Augustine, FL]

United States Post Office

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St. Augustine, Florida,  
January twenty ninth,  
1923

American Numismatic Association,  
Gentlemen, New York, City,

Through my work there has been placed upon the Federal Building this city, a tablet containing the history of the building, in which it is stated that the property was purchased by the King of Spain in 1603 for 1000 ducats, the building to be occupied as the Spanish Governor General's Palace -

I have wondered if you could advise me as to the ducat value, -

I took this up with the Sect'y of the Treasury and I have been referred to you by Hon. W.W. ) Reilly, Acting Director of the Mint, Washington D.C.-----

I will greatly appreciate your attention in the premises,

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Hopkins, Postmaster

*Ducat a Triffl over 200*

February 3rd, 1923

Mr. Charles F. Hopkins  
United States Post office  
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favour of Jan. 29th, we are a little at a loss to understand why ducats were used in a Spanish transaction. The ducat <sup>that was</sup> is a coin in use in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Low Countries up to fairly recently, and weighs 3.452 Grams. This would make it worth a trifle over two dollars. The nearest Spanish coin in use was the half pistole worth just about two dollars, so I think it fairly safe to figure that a thousand ducats equals a thousand dollars or a little more.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E